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Perhaps Father Isn't as Poor as He Thought He Was

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NEWS FORECAST OF THE COMING WEEK

SAM CRAWFORD EXCELLS COBB

Detroit Fans Figure He Was of More Value to Detroit in 1913

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 7.—Who is the more valuable player to the Detroit team, Ty Cobb or Samuel Crawford? Asked this question, ninety-nine out of one hundred would reply: Ty Cobb. But is he? The records of 1913 do not point that way. Cobb receives more than twice as much salary as Crawford. Cobb receives hundreds of lines of newspaper mention to every one that Crawford draws and besides that Cobb hit .290 in 1913, while Crawford made 191 hits and Cobb 187. But the big difference exists in the number of runs driven in. Crawford drove home 50 runs for his team and Cobb hit in 45, which was but three more than Ty drove in. Crawford Plays Regularly. Crawford last year proved the more valuable man to the team. He joined the club during the training season and played regularly. His chief asset to his value is his ability to drive in runs ahead of him. He sent home 76 by safe wedges, 16 by sacrifice flies and 4 on infield outs. Cobb, who batted .74 points better than Crawford, drove in 23 less men than Samuel on safe hits. Crawford had one more sacrifice fly and on infield outs the two had an equal number. In fact, like any amusement or sport enterprise, the value of the man to the box office forms an argument for the size of his salary figure, and the superiority of Cobb over Crawford as a drawing card is inestimable. It is Cobb who brings the crowds into the park, and the dollars into the box office at the same time. Cobb is entitled to all he gets because of what he brings to the cause to be brought in. It is Cobb who makes Detroit's team a power-drawing card that the several-time champion Philadelphia club, which has some of the best batmen and fielders in the business, players who are of great value to their team, but who do not amount to much to Detroit.

TINKER ADMITS FEDS WANT OUTFIELD STARS.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 7.—Manager Joe Tinker of the Chicago Federals, admitted yesterday that he had heard something about the Federals making offers to Tris Speaker and Sam Crawford, American league stars, now on the trip around the world, but in the absence of President Gilmore of the league and President Weegman of the Chicago Federals, he would not discuss it. Tinker issued a formal statement declaring there is no truth in the rumor that he would jump back to the National league. He had heard nothing from Otto Knabe, manager of the Baltimore Federals, for several weeks, he said, and knew nothing about Knabe's intentions. The substance of Tinker's statement was that he had had enough of the National league. Newspaper reports that the Federals were about through adding the majors and were now turning to the minors increased the stack of morning mail at the Federal headquarters. Nearly 200 letters from bush leaguers anxious for try-outs reached the office on Thursday. FOUR OARED RACE DROPPED. Junior Eight of Two Miles New Poughkeepsie Feature. New York, Feb. 7.—There will be no four oared race at the next Poughkeepsie regatta. Morton G. Bogus, chairman of the board of stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing association, has announced that the board has voted to eliminate the event, substituting a race at two miles for junior eights. The substitution of a junior eight, in the opinion of the board of stewards, will have the effect of bringing out more crew candidates than ever before at the various colleges. There will be an additional inducement for the students, for those who fail to make the varsity will have a chance now of contesting for eight positions on another crew that will play an important part in the regatta. M'LEAN BREAKS RECORD. Skates Fifty Yards in Five Seconds Flat. Lake Placid, N. Y., Feb. 7.—A new world's amateur record, ice skating, in the fifty yard dash, was made here by Robert McLean, of Chicago, who covered the distance in five seconds flat, which is one fifth of a second better than the record established by Morris Wood at Pittsburgh in 1907. McLean won also the 440-yard race in 20 seconds and the one mile race in 3 minutes. In the former contest there was a dispute as to who finished second: A. J. Osickey of Cleveland, and Edward Horton, of Saranac Lake, raced over again and Osickey was awarded second honors in the 440 yard.

SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD

Many Comebacks Slated For Try-Outs in the Majors

New York, Feb. 7.—A big bunch of players are to return to the big league clubs this spring after sojourning for a time in the minor organizations. One of the most notable "comebacks" this year is Pitcher Harry Covaloskie. When he played with the Philadelphia Nationals a few years ago, Covaloskie was a terror to the batsmen, especially the heavy artillery of the New York Giants. At that time the Giants were able to make about all of the National pitchers back up, with the exception of the Pole in the Philadelphia uniform. Covaloskie beat the McGraw clan so easily and so often that he was dubbed the "Giant killer." Last season he starred with the Chattanooga team of the Southern league, and now he is to return to the big show as a member of the Detroit Tigers. A number of other pitchers are scheduled to re-enter the big arena this spring. While these slubbers lack the reputation of Covaloskie to back them up they all look good enough for one or more feeds at a big league hotel. Dode Criss, who joined the St. Louis Browns as a pitcher several years ago and later developed into the best pinch hitter in the American league, returned to the major league as a member of the Yankees. Elmer Koestner, who was tried out several years ago by the Cleveland Naps, will essay to put over the proper shoots and benders for the Chicago Cubs. Another Cleveland cast-off pitcher, Bill James, who did some remarkable twirling for the Portland Pacific Coast league team last season, will be taken south by the St. Louis Browns. Schulz to Get Chance. Pitcher "Toots" Schulz, formerly of the Philadelphia Nationals, will be given a trial by Manager Jennings of Detroit. "Casey" Hazerman, who led the Western league pitchers last season, is another finger who will try to stick with the big circuit on his second trial. As a member of the Boston Red Sox a year or so ago "Casey" couldn't pitch, and "Casey" couldn't bat. But he caught on with the Denver club, made his mark as a slabster and now he has been signed by the St. Louis Cardinals. The new Federal league also will try out a number of former big league pitchers, among them "King" Cobb, once the leading mound artist of the Chicago Cubs and last season with Columbus in the American association; George Mullin, for years the old steady in the box for the Detroit Tigers, and last year in the International league; "Lefty" Leifield, formerly with Pittsburgh and Chicago and last season with the Pacific Coast league, and William Flene, former White Sox hurler and last season with the Minneapolis team. Infield and outfield artists as well as pitchers are numbered among the players who will try to show they are now able to hold up their end in the speedy set. "Lena" Blackburne, who is said to have cost the White Sox something like \$15,000 in real money a few seasons back, is to get another trial with the Sox. Blackburne first gained prominence in Providence, where he was hailed as the leading shortstop of the International league. Tigers Land Purtell. Another former big league infielder, Third Baseman Billy Purtell, has affixed his signature to a Detroit American league contract. Purtell once was with the Ontario White Sox and later with the Boston Red Sox. Last year he did brilliant work for Montreal, finishing the season with a batting average of .316 for 152 games. Jimmy Johnston, former Cleveland Nap and last season a star in the Pacific Coast league, has been signed

BASEBALL CHATTER.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—The British parliament will assemble the first of the week for what promises to be an unusually notable session. The Irish Home Rule, the Welsh Disestablishment Bill and other great controversial measures are on the agenda. A special election will be held Tuesday in the Second congressional district of Iowa to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Peppier. The result is awaited with wide interest, inasmuch as it is expected to furnish the first reliable indication of the views of the farmers and business men of the middle west on the new tariff law and its effects. Leaders of the Progressive party in Nebraska are to hold a state conference in Lincoln on Wednesday. In connection with the conference there will be a banquet at which ex-Senator Beveridge, James R. Garfield and William Allen White are scheduled to speak. Thorough discussion of the Sherman anti-trust law and regulation of corporate activity is to be had at the second annual meeting of the National Chamber of Commerce which is to assemble in Washington Wednesday for a session of three days. Thursday, the anniversary of Lincoln's birth, is to be made the occasion for conferences and banquets of Republicans and Progressives in many states. Monday will be widely observed as the centennial anniversary of the birth of Samuel J. Tilden, the eminent

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statements and Democratic candidate for president in 1876. A special election will be held in Detroit Tuesday, when the voters will decide upon the acceptance or rejection of a new charter proposed for the city. The chief features of the new charter are provisions for the non-partisan ballot, the recall, and the extension of the terms of city officials to four years. On Monday Dr. William Westley Guth will be inaugurated as president of Goucher college, Baltimore. On the same day the twenty-fifth anniversary of the college will be celebrated with exercises presided over by Bishop Earl Cranston.

STAR RUNNERS EXONERATED. New York, Feb. 7.—Hannes Kolehmainen and Joseph R. Kiviat were exonerated by the registration committee of the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic union of an intention to run a "fake" two-mile race at the athletic games in the Thirteenth Regiment armory in Brooklyn on January 24. The committee lifted the suspension which had prohibited them from racing since. Any relatives or friends going away or coming to visit? Tell us. No charge. The News welcomes news items.

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M'CAREY WANTS WOLGAST. Los Angeles Promoter Offers Match With Winner of Rivers-Cross. Go. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 7.—Promoter McCarrey plans to bring Ad Wolgast to the coast for a twenty-round contest. The former world's lightweight champion in all probability will be matched to meet the winner of the Joe Rivers-Leach Cross bout, scheduled for Feb. 21. The survivor of the Rivers-Cross-Wolgast thing will be in readiness to take on Willie Ritchie if the champion concludes to get back in the harness. RITCHIE TO AUSTRALIA. Signs Contract to Appear in "Snowy" Baker's Stadium. San Francisco, Feb. 7.—"Snowy" Baker, the Australian promoter, has reached an agreement with Champion Willie Ritchie in regard to a trip to Australia. In the event of winning from Tommy Murphy, in San Francisco, in April, Ritchie has promised to make the trip to Sydney and engage in several bouts at Baker's Rushenters lay stadium, under a \$50,000 guarantee.

WANT JACK DILLON BARRED. Windsor, Ont., Feb. 7.—Because they believe that Jack Dillon deliberately permitted Freddie Hicks to stay the limit of eight rounds, when it appeared that he could stop him almost at will, the fans here Thursday asked the promoter to bar the Indianapolis fighter from further ring battles. Dillon was hissed from the time the fight ended until he was locked away in his dressing room.

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